

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace any previous listing of the claims with the following replacement listing of the claims:

Replacement Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A computing system, said computing system comprising:

a communication link for bi-directionally providing a communication channel between a host computing device and a companion computing device, wherein said host computing device has access to at least one database in which a plurality of ~~language elements~~ messages are stored in bitmap representations;

wherein said companion computing device comprises a display device and further comprises a control device for transmitting a request for one of said plurality of messages ~~language elements~~ to said host computing device over said communication link; and

wherein said host computing device responds to a receipt of said request for the requested message ~~language element~~ by retrieving from said at least one database the bitmap representation that corresponds to the requested message ~~language element~~, wherein said host computing device transmits to said companion computing device the retrieved bitmap representation of the requested message ~~language element~~ over said communication link for display on said companion display device, wherein ~~said language element~~ the retrieved bitmap representation is a symbol representative of ~~a complete~~ the requested message to be presented on

said display device as part of a user interface of said companion computing device, wherein ~~said complete~~ the requested message is comprised of at least multiple characters of arbitrary language, wherein ~~said complete~~ the requested message is formatted for said display device, and wherein said companion computing device, without conversion from character codes to graphic elements, presents ~~said bit-map~~ the bitmap representation as a full screen image of the requested message on said display device.

2. (Currently amended) The computing system of claim 1, wherein said ~~complete~~ requested message further comprises a character set or a graphic icon

3. (Previously presented) The computing system of claim 1, wherein individual ones of a plurality of said databases are each associated with a specific language.

4-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) The computing system of claim 1, wherein said companion computing device stores the bitmap image representation transmitted from said host computing device for later use.

9. (Previously presented) The computing system of claim 1, wherein said companion computing device comprises a digitizer input system having an electronic pen or stylus for handwritten information.

10. (Previously presented) The computing system of claim 1, wherein said communication link is a wired or wireless communication link.

11. (Currently amended) A method of providing language element support

to a companion computing device from a host computing device, said method comprising the steps of:

transmitting a request for a ~~language element~~message to said host computing device from said companion computing device, wherein said ~~language element~~message is one of a plurality of ~~language elements~~messages stored in bitmap representations in at least one database, wherein said host computing device has access to said at least one database;

receiving said request for the ~~language element~~requested message by said host computing device; and

in response to said receipt of said request for the ~~language element~~message by said host computing device, retrieving from said at least one database the bitmap representation that corresponds to the requested ~~language element~~message, transmitting to said companion computing device the retrieved bitmap representation of the requested ~~language element~~message for presentation on a display device of said companion computing device, wherein said ~~language element~~retrieved bitmap representation is a symbol representative of a completethe requested message to be presented as part of the user interface of the companion computing device, wherein said ~~the requested~~ message is comprised of at least multiple characters of arbitrary language, wherein said ~~complete~~the requested message is formatted for said display device, and wherein said companion computing device, without conversion from character codes to graphic elements, presents said ~~bit map~~the bitmap representation as a full screen image of the requested message on said display device.

12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said

~~complete~~the requested message further comprises a character set or a graphic icon.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein individual ones of a plurality of said databases are each associated with a specific language.

14-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said companion computing device stores the bitmapped representation transmitted from said host computing device for later use.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said companion computing device comprises a digitizer input system having a pen input device for inputting written information.

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said ~~requested language element~~message is transmitted over a wired or a wireless communication link.

21. (Currently amended) A storage medium having computer readable program instructions embodied therein, said storage medium comprising:

program instructions for transmitting a request for a ~~language element~~message to a host computing device from a companion computing device, wherein said ~~language element~~message is one of a plurality of ~~language elements~~messages stored in bitmap representations in at least one database, wherein said host computing device has access to said at least one database;

program instructions for receiving said request for the language ~~element~~requested message at said host computing device; and

program instructions, responsive to said receipt of said request for the language ~~element~~requested message by said host computing device, for retrieving from said at least one database the bitmap representation that corresponds to the requested language ~~element~~message and for transmitting to said companion computing device a graphical representation of the requested language ~~element~~message for presentation on a display device of said companion computing device, wherein said language ~~element~~the retrieved bitmap representation is a symbol representative of a ~~complete~~the requested message to be presented as part of the user interface of said companion computing device, wherein said ~~the requested~~ message is comprised of at least multiple characters of arbitrary language, wherein said ~~complete~~the requested message is formatted for said display device, and wherein said companion computing device, without conversion from character codes to graphic elements, presents said ~~bit map~~the bitmap representation of the requested message as a full screen image on said display device.

22. (Currently amended) The storage medium of claim 21, wherein said ~~complete~~the requested message further comprises a character set or a graphic icon, and wherein said database is associated with a specific language.

23. (Currently amended) The storage medium of claim 21, further comprising program instructions for enabling said companion computing device to store the graphical ~~bitmap~~ representation transmitted from said host computing device.

24. (Canceled)

25. (New) The computing system of claim 1, wherein said request identifies a language for said message, wherein said retrieved bitmap representation corresponds to said language, and wherein said message in said language is displayed on said display device as a full screen image.

26. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein said request identifies a language for said message, wherein said retrieved bitmap representation corresponds to said language, and wherein said message in said language is displayed on said display device as a full screen image.

27. (New) The storage medium of claim 21, wherein said request identifies a language for said message, wherein said retrieved bitmap representation corresponds to said language, and wherein said message in said language is displayed on said display device as a full screen image.